

**INJURY PREVENTION TASK FORCE (IPTF) MEETING**  
**April 6, 2006**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Fergus Laughridge, Program Manager, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Bureau of Licensure & Certification (BLC)  
Kelly Anrig, Safety Engineer, Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT)  
Debra Brus, Epidemiologist, Washoe County District Health Department (WCDHD)  
Jennifer Stoll-Hadayia, (WCDHD)  
Robinette Bacon, School Health Education Coordinator, Department of Education (DOE)  
Mike Bernstein, Health Educator II, Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD)  
Kim Perondi, Department of Public Safety (DPS) Office of Traffic Safety (OTS)  
Dr. John Fildes, Department of Surgery, University of Nevada School of Medicine (UNSOM)  
Jeanne Cosgrove, Clark County SAFE KIDS  
Gina Pahona, Indian Health Service (IHS)  
Alma Angeles, Trauma Research and Education Coordinator, University Medical Center (UMC)  
Linda Flatt, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Erin Breen, Safe Community Partnership Program  
Melissa Krall, Washoe County SAFE KIDS/REMSA  
Mary Griffith, Health Resource Analyst, Bureau of Health Planning and Statistics (BHP&S)

**STATE HEALTH DIVISION STAFF PRESENT**

Cynthia C. Huth, RN, MSN, CNM, Health Program Specialist 2, Bureau of Family Health Services (BFHS)  
Kelly Y. Langdon, MPH, Health Program Specialist 1, BFHS  
Andrea Rivers, Injury Biostatistician, BHP&S  
Tami Terstegee, Administrative Assistant 4, BFHS  
Leslie Dixon, Administrative Assistant I, BFHS  
Yesenia Vargas, Administrative Assistant I, BFHS

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Larry Woolen, Division for Aging Services (DAS)  
Katherine Hooper, Henderson Fire Department  
Rocio Calderon, DAS  
Teru Langsdale, Washoe County School District (WCSD)  
Adam Prince, Touro University, Intern  
Marlo Herrera, Touro University, Physician's Assistant (PA) Student

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Fergus Laughridge called the Injury Prevention Task Force (IPTF) meeting to order at **9:33 a.m.** at the Bureau of Licensure and Certification (BLC), Emergency Medical Services (EMS) buildings in Carson City and Las Vegas. This was a public meeting and the public was invited to make comments. In accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law, this meeting was posted at the following locations: Kinkead Building, Carson City; Bureau of Family Health Services (BFHS), Carson City; Nevada State Library and Archives, Carson City; Washoe County District Health Department (WCDHD), Reno; Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD), Las Vegas; Elko Nursing Office, Elko; BLC, Carson City and Las Vegas, and on the State Health Division (SHD) website, [www.health2k.state.nv.us](http://www.health2k.state.nv.us).

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING ON JANUARY 5, 2006**

Kelly Anrig motioned for approval of the minutes as written and Jennifer Stoll-Hadayia seconded it. The minutes passed unanimously. **MOTION APPROVED**

### **TASK FORCE AGENCY UPDATES – MEMBERS TO GIVE A BRIEF UPDATE ON THEIR CURRENT INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND EFFORTS**

Mike Bernstein announced the annual Drowning Prevention Program starts in May and two commercials are being worked on for this program, which will run through the end of August. The survey for falls in seniors is complete and a public awareness campaign is being coordinated with Claudia Collins with the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension (UNCE). Alma Angeles stated car seats and helmet education is ongoing with hospitals and the Family Resource Center. Ms. Angeles discussed the End Care Program which is taken to the grade schools regarding bicycle and pedestrian safety with the message being emergency nurses do care about keeping them safe. Jeanne Cosgrove announced the car seat checks are still being done at least 2-3 times per week. The helmet give away which was done for Traumatic Brain Injury Month, had 120 children in attendance. Kim Perondi announced 42 grant applications were received by the March 31, 2006 deadline and June or July of 2006 should make decisions. Mr. Anrig stated the Strategic Highway Safety Plan should be complete by June. In addition, a Strategic Data Plan containing crash and roadway data is being worked on for Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT). Robbie Bacon announced the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) is complete and she provided copies for everyone. Ms. Stoll-Hadayia announced the application for Public Health Specialist Program through Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) had been selected and the open enrollment process had begun. If selected, Washoe County will have an Injury Prevention Coordinator for two years free of charge and they would begin in October of 2006. Ms. Langdon announced the completion and submission of the continuation application for the Injury Surveillance and Prevention Grant. In addition, an application for a Nevada Team to attend a Teen Driving Roundtable in Atlanta this June had been submitted. If selected the team members will include Ms. Perondi, Chuck Abbott, Ms. Bacon, Ms. Cosgrove and Ms. Langdon. Gina Pahona stated work collecting injury data from about eight of the tribes is going well and there had been an increase in the use of E-Codes. In addition, Inter Tribal Council of Nevada (ITCN) is in the process of starting a Head Start Playground Assessment Project, which will collect injury data, assess playground equipment and environment. Mr. Laughridge announced EMS received Notice of Grant Award for the EMS for Children's Grant in the amount of \$115,000 per year. The primary focus for year one will be to bring together a committee or task force in regard to emergency medical services for children, to enhance the data collection system and replace pediatric specific equipment for the rural ambulance services. Mr. Laughridge stated EMS had been awarded a subgrant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant to work with each of the school districts who have emergency operation plans for disasters. It will include testing these plans, seeing how they work with public utilities, local responders and law enforcement. This will start sometime in May as a full time activity. In addition, a Trauma Taskforce is continuing to work on the Trauma Plan including Trauma Registry and Bill Drafts to push things along.

### **UPDATE ON MANDATATING E-CODES**

Ms. Angeles reviewed the handout on E-Codes she provided to the task force. Ms. Langdon stated she and Andrea Rivers had attended a meeting on March 13, 2006 at the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP). At this meeting, Vern Manke announced he is in the process of changing the language for NRS 449.485 through a bill draft request, thus allowing subsequent changes to NAC 449.963. This revision will not only update the NAC, but also make the language more general. Ms. Langdon also stated the Nevada Hospital Association (NHA) had

agreed to encourage the hospitals to improve their recording of E-Codes. Ms. Langdon stated she would be following up with the Hospital Association to get feed back on how the encouraging and training will be done on to using E-Coding.

#### **UPDATE ON STANDARDIZING AND CENTRALIZING EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT DATA INTO A STATEWIDE DATABASE**

Ms. Langdon updated the Task Force on several meetings she had regarding the collection of emergency department data. At a meeting she had with Alex Haartz, Administrator for the Nevada State Health Division (NSHD), he recommended trying to voluntarily collect ER data before trying to pass a new state law. He also suggested starting this data collection system with a pilot program, perhaps in Carson City or Elko. Ms. Langdon and Ms. Rivers will work together on this voluntary data collection system with Dr. Joseph Greenway and Dr. Wei Yang's assistance. In addition, Ms. Langdon and Ms. Rivers are going to look into surveying to all Nevada hospitals regarding the data they are already collecting and how it is being collected.

#### **APPROVAL OF NEW TASK FORCE MEMBER**

Ms. Bacon made the motion to approve adding Misty Vaughan Allen with the Office of Suicide Prevention as a new task force member and Mr. Bernstein seconded the motion. **MOTION APPROVED**

#### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON UPCOMING INJURY PREVENTION SYMPOSIUM**

Ms. Langdon announced the Injury Prevention Symposium would be held on July 6, 2006. The purpose of the symposium is to have an in-person Task Force meeting, as well as, invite other members of the public to attend. It was decided the symposium would be held in Reno and a location needed to be secured. All Task Force members from Southern Nevada will be flown to Reno for the day. Mr. Laughridge asked volunteers to help with the details. Ms. Bacon, Ms. Stoll-Hadayia and Ms. Rivers all volunteered to help Ms. Langdon. Several members suggested having guests with specialties such as Brain Trauma, Fetal Mortality, Suicide Prevention and Fall Prevention attend and speak at the symposium. Ms. Langdon will contact these people and invite them to speak.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION**

No public discussion or comments made.

The meeting was adjourned at **11:26 a.m.**